

REMARKS

Claims 21-38 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-14 have been withdrawn. Claims 15-20 have been cancelled. New claims 21-38 have been added. Support for the newly added claims may be found in the specification and originally filed claims.

The Examiner has withdrawn claims 1-14. In the Detailed Action, the Examiner states:

Newly submitted claims 1-14 directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons stated above.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, the invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 1-14 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

The undersigned representative reserves the right to file a continuation application on these withdrawn claims.

Claims 15-20 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over NASA Space Shuttle Program in view of Forward or Piening. Claims 15-20 have been cancelled.

Newly submitted claims 21-38 are patentably distinct over the references.

The references provided by the Examiner do not teach or suggest a method or system for deploying a spacecraft with a private sector advertisement, and more specifically, an advertisement on a solar sail. One of ordinary skill in the art would not look to the references provided to practice the method and system provided in the pending claims.

Conclusion

The undersigned representative submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, early notification of which is respectfully requested. No fee is believed due for the submission of this amendment. Should any fee in fact be due, please charge such fees to Kilpatrick Stockton LLP deposit account no. 501458.

Respectfully submitted,

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